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Applicant : Gimpel et al.

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For : COMPENSATED NUT FOR A
STRINGED INSTRUMENT

Examiner : K. Lockett

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2001, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and comments in connection with the above-captioned application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 12, 16, 20-22 and 25 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A compensated nut for a stringed instrument, the stringed instrument having one or more strings, a body and a neck, the nut comprising:

an elongated body having a length sufficient to extend across at least a portion of the neck of the stringed instrument; and

one or more fixed intonation portions on a front side of the elongated body, the intonation portions having different dimensions according to the desired pitch compensation for each string and being configured such that a line extending through the one or more fixed intonation portions does not form a sinusoidal arc.

2. (Unchanged) The compensated nut of Claim 1, wherein the number of intonation portions are equal to the number of strings of the instrument.